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Good morning,

I wanted to share a few items of note on Bahrain.

1. This week, Acting DHS Secretary Chad Wolf visited Bahrain to discuss priorities regarding the DHS-Bahrain MOU and to meet with U.S. Coast Guard assets supporting USNAVCENT in the region. During his visit, Acting Secretary Wolf [signed](#) multiple security cooperation agreements that focus on facilitating secure trade and travel with the Kingdom of Bahrain.
2. Last month, His Excellency Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo launched the [U.S.-Bahrain Strategic Dialogue](#), which demonstrates the joint commitment of both countries to bolster their collective efforts to broaden and elevate their bilateral partnership. Text of the U.S.-Bahrain joint statement from the dialogue is [here](#).
3. Also in December, Bahrain hosted the [16<sup>th</sup> IISS Manama Dialogue](#). Secretary Pompeo hailed Bahrain's powerful role in advancing peace and prosperity around the world and its success in hosting the dialogue. In his [virtual opening address](#), Pompeo applauded Bahrain and the UAE for signing the agreements to support peace with Israel.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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